TRADE PERCEPTION SURVEY

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Introduction

- Purpose: To assess the perception of entrepreneurs in India and Pakistan to gauge two broad aspects
 - **To capture the extent of current impediments to India-Pakistan trade**
 - To capture the perception of the business and trade environment for the next year in the two countries.
 - To create a base line so that it can be compared in successive surveys.

Design:

- Using a structured questionnaire covering various aspects of trade and business environment.
- The sample covers only those firms that are trading with Pakistan
- The sample for the survey are 200 firms in India and 200 firms in Pakistan spread across various cities in order to incorporate the geographical diversity and commodities.
- Respondents covered include exports, importers, freight forwarders, clearing agents.
- Difficulty in identifying importers

Trade Perception Survey Indicators

Even though there a large number of indicators that are used for such studies, we have selected those that are relevant for India Pakistan trade. In fact we have added indicators that are most relevant for India Pakistan trade.

Trade Policy Awareness

- Pakistan allows import of all items except 1209 items
- Pakistan is moving towards granting MFN status to India and India already offers MFN to Pakistan
- India permits the import of all items from Pakistan
- India offers concessional duty rates to imports from Pakistan under SAFTA
- Only 137 items are allowed to be exported to Pakistan by road
- All items are allowed to be imported from Pakistan by road
- There are no restrictions on commodities to be traded by rail
- New facilities are offered at the Integrated Check Post at Attari (Punjab) since April 2012
- Rules of Origin requirement under SAFTA

Market Access

- Over all Increase in Market Access
- Growth in volume of trade
- Number of commodities traded
- 'Made in India' label reduces market access for India's products in Pakistan
- India-Pakistan political event hamper trade

Business Facilitation

- Informal payments to facilitate trade
- Ease of obtaining Visas
- Ease of communication with traders on the other side
- Competence of the logistics industry
- Efficiency of banks for processing documents

Standards (Separately for SPS and TBT)

- Process standard requirements
- Product standard requirements
- Post production standard requirements
- Labeling, Marketing and Packaging requirements
- Conformity Assessments (registration, testing, certification, inspection)

Customs and Documentation

- Efficiency in processing of Pre-shipment documents
- Processing time of documents by customs
- Customs' awareness of Trade Policy
- Excessive checks due to security measures for export with Pakistan

Infrastructure at Ports

- Road access to the LCS/ICP/Port
- Availability of Services at the LCS/ICP/Port Banking and Warehousing
- Congestion at border/ LCS/Port
- Labour Costs at Port
- Availability of Wagons (Only for Rail)
- Pilferage

Delays

- Delays (In and Out of Port)
- Damages due to delays
- Delays in Payments

Overall Indicators

- Awareness of trade policy
- Market Access
- Business Facilitation
- Standards
- Efficiency of Customs and trade procedures Road, Rail and Sea
- Infrastructure at Ports Road, Rail and Sea

Other Indicators

- Expected Growth in Exports and Imports
- Percentage by which capacity at Border Points needs to be increased



Methodology: Trade Perception Index Introduction

- With worldwide fall in tariff levels, efficiency of supply chains & associated logistics costs are becoming core determinants of competitiveness of both firms & countries
- Aim is to construct Trade Perception Index
 - Policy Variables needs change for vibrant growth

The Data for Constructing Barrier Index

- Primary surveys based on structured questionnaires in India, Pakistan
- Focus on trade between India and her SA partners
- Respondents: Exporters, Importers, Freightforwarders
 - Asked to give perception about impediments in a scale of 0-5
 - Asked to report about change in recent 5 years

Broad Parameters	Sub-Parameters	Number of Sub- Sub parameters
General	Efficiency in processing of Pre- shipment/ pre-arrival documents	
	Meeting Standards	10
	Market Access	15
	Trade Policy	10
	Business Facilitation	8

Broad Parameters for	Sub-Parameters	Number of Sub- Sub parameters
Any modes of Transport (Road, Rail, Sea or Air)	Customs and Documentation	8
	Infrastructure at LCS	11
	Transaction costs	5
	Delivery times	4

PRINCIPAL COMPONENT ANALYSIS (PCA)

-A statistical tool which is a part of Factor Analytic Technique

Is able to convert a large number of variables into a single composite index through assigning weightage to each variable in an objective manner

 Is an extremely useful tool for for the purpose of comparison across number of observations through a large number of variables

DEFINING A COMPOSITE INDEX

Composite index, which is an ideal representative of the chosen set of variables, is defined as,

 $C_{i} = W_{1} X_{11} + W_{2} X_{12} + W_{3} X_{13} + \dots + W_{n} X_{1n}$

or, $C_i = \sum W_i x_{ij}$,

where C_i is the composite index for the ith observation, W_j is the weight assigned to jth indicator and x_{ij} is the observation value

Analytics of PCA

- Elimination of scale bias
 - Observed variables need to be scale free: x_{ij} = (X_{ij} X_m /σ) where x_{ij} is the scale free observation, X_{ij} is the original observation and

 X_m is the mean of the series and σ is the standard deviation x_{ij} would be scale free with zero mean & unity standard deviation

- Assigning weights objectively using Factor Analytic Model
 - No insight which of these parameters should be given more weight
 - Assigning equal weight (or no weight) would imply assumption of equal correlation of each indicator with the composite index of importance which would hardly be a realistic approach in this case
 - Selection based on econometric method

Factor Analytics Tool

- Used to construct a composite index in such a way that the weights given maximize the sum of the squares of correlation (of the indicators with the composite index).
 - The application of Factor Analysis or Principal Component Analysis in this specific case has been accepted in 'objective ranking' of the regions
 - This enables one to determine a vector known as the first Principal Component or Factor, which is linearly dependent on the variables, having the maximum sum of squared correlation with the variables
- The weights to the indicators are chosen in such a way so that the Principal Components satisfy two conditions:
 - Number of Principal Components is equal to the number of indicators & they are uncorrelated or orthogonal in nature
 - First Principal Component or P₁ absorbs or accounts for the maximum possible proportion of variation in the set of the indicators
 - This is the reason why it serves as the ideal measure of composite index

Method of PCA: Step 1

We start by taking the simple correlation coefficients of the k numbers of indicators & constructing the correlation table. The correlation matrix is

symmetrical, i.e., $r_{xi \ xj} = r_{xj \ xi}$

Correlation Table of the set of K Variables					
X ₁	X ₁	X ₂	X ₂	X ₂	X ₂
X ₂	r _{x1 x1}	X- ₃	X- ₃	X- ₃	X- ₃
"	r _{x2 x1}	X _k	X _k	X _k	X _k
"	••	$\Sigma^k_{\ i} r_{xi \ xj}$			
X _k	••	r _{x1 x2}	r _{x1 x2}	r _{x1 x2}	r _{x1 x2}
"	•••	••	••	••	
$\Sigma^k_{\ i} r_{x1 \ xj}$	r _{xk x1}	r _{x1 xk}	r _{x1 xk}	r _{x1 xk}	r _{x1 xk}

Method of PCA

Step 2: Sum of each column (or row) of the correlation table is computed, obtaining k number of sums of simple correlation coefficient

$$\Box \qquad \Sigma^{k}{}_{i} r_{xi xj} \qquad = \Sigma^{k}{}_{i} r_{xi xj}$$

Step 3: We compute the sum total of the column (or row) sums and we take its square roots

 $\Sigma^{k}_{i} \Sigma^{k}_{j} r_{xi xj}$

Step 4: Finally, we obtain the factor loadings for the first Principal Component P₁ by dividing each column (or row) sum by the square root of the grand total

$$\boldsymbol{a}_{ij} = (\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{k}_{i} r_{xi xj}) / (\boldsymbol{\nabla}^{k}_{i} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{k}_{i} r_{xi xj})$$

It should be clear that the loadings thus obtained are the correlation coefficients of the respective indicator with the composite index

Method of PCA

Step 5 The P₁ or the first Principal Component is constructed in the following way:

 $P_1 = a_{11} x_1 + a_{12} x_2 + \dots + a_{1k} x_k$

- Step 6 The sum of the squares of the loading of the Principal Component is called the latent root of this component & are denoted by the Greek letter I with the subscript of the Principal Component to which it refers. For example, the latent root of the first Principal Component P₁ is
- $\Box \ l_{1} = [\text{latent root of P}_{1}] = \Sigma_{i}^{k} \mathcal{I}_{I}^{2} = \mathcal{I}_{1}^{2} + \mathcal{I}_{2}^{2} + \ldots + \mathcal{I}_{k}^{2}$
 - Sum of the latent root of all the Principal Components would be equal to the number of indicators: $\Sigma_{i}^{k} I_{i} = k$

Sampling Methodology

Sampling Methodology

Sampling based on:

- Aggregate Industry Level
- Individual Product Level
- Aggregate Sectors selected on the basis of High Trade Potential and High Current Trade
- Export sample at Aggregate Level Machinery, Chemicals, Textiles, Plastics and Rubber, Vegetable Products, Prepared Foodstuffs and Base metal articles.
- Import Sample at Aggregate Level Machinery, Chemicals, Textiles, Plastics and Rubber, Vegetable Products, Prepared Foodstuffs, Surgical instruments and Base metal articles

Export Sample at Aggregate Sector Level

			Share of the	Share of the
			Sector in total	Sector in
	Export Potential	Current Exports	Export Potential	Current
Industry Classification	(US\$ Million)	(US\$ Million)	(%)	Export (%)
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS	724.4	330.5	5	20
PREPARED FOODSTUFFS	237.3	213.8	1	13
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL				
OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES	2,744.1	419.3	17	25
PLASTICS AND ARTICLES				
THEREOF; RUBBER AND				
ARTICLES THEREOF	1,519.8	140.1	10	8
TEXTILES AND TEXTILE				
ARTICLES	1,966.0	393.8	12	24
MACHINERY AND				
MECHANICAL APPLIANCES;				
ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT;	3,986.5	27.4	25	2
BASE METALS AND ARTICLES				
OF BASE METAL	1,647.6	89.4	10	5

Import Sample at Aggregate Sector Level

				Share of the
	Import		Share of the	Sector in
	Potential (US\$	Current Imports	Sector in Import	Current
Industry Classification	Million)	(US\$ Million)	Potential (%)	Imports (%)
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS	73	82	2	26
PREPARED FOODSTUFFS	181	2	5	1
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL				
OR ALLIED INDUSTRIES	300	30	8	10
PLASTICS AND ARTICLES				
THEREOF; RUBBER AND				
ARTICLES THEREOF	331	12	9	4
TEXTILES AND TEXTILE ARTICLES	846	39	22	12
MACHINERY AND MECHANICAL				
APPLIANCES; ELECTRICAL				
EQUIPMENT	338	10	9	3
MEDICAL OR SURGICAL				
INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS	300	6	8	2
BASE METALS AND ARTICLES OF				
BASE METAL	438	33	11	11

Sampling Methodology (Contd.)

- Product Sampling
 - Top 80% export and import products
 - RCA>1 and high export potential
- 39 products were identified for the export sample
- 31 products were identified for the import sample.

Survey Sample – India



Export Sectors Surveyed



Import Sectors Surveyed



Survey Sample – India (Contd.)

Type of Firms



Survey Sample – India (Contd.)

Firm Size based on Turnover



Years of Trading with Pakistan



Survey Sample – India (Contd.)



Export Mode Wise Share



Import Mode Wise Share



Preliminary Results - TPS

- City Wise Overall Indicators
- Overall Indicators India and Pakistan

City Wise Results

Amritsar and Delhi

- Majorly trading by the Road (Attari-Wagah) and Rail Route (Amritsar Railway Station)
- Major commodities Agricultural Commodities, Cement and Gypsum

Mumbai and Ahmadabad

- Majorly trading by the Sea (Mainly Nava Sheva) and Air Route (Mumbai Airport)
- Major commodities Manufacturing Commodities and some Agricultural items

City Perspectives

Rankings – Trade Perception Survey

- □ The *Current Scenario* is ranked as:
 - 1 Very Bad/Very Low
 - 2 Bad/Low
 - 3 Average
 - 4 Good/High
 - 5 Very Good/Very High
- The *Perception of Expected Change Next Year* is ranked as:
 - 1 Drastically Reduce
 - 2 Reduce
 - 3 No Change
 - 4 Increase
 - 5 Significantly Increase

City Wise – Overall Indicators

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Market Access – Current Scenario



Market Access – Perception of Expected Change Next Year



Business Facilitation – Current Scenario



Business Facilitation – Perception of Expected Change Next Year



Port Infrastructure – Current Scenario Road



Port Infrastructure – Perception of Expected Change Next Year Road



100% 80% 60% 40% 20% 0% 1 2 1 2 3 4 5

Port Infrastructure – Current Scenario Rail

Port Infrastructure – Perception of Expected Change Next Year Rail



Port Infrastructure – Current Scenario Sea



Port Infrastructure – Perception of Expected Change Next Year Sea



Overall Indicators – India & Pakistan

Awareness of Trade Policy

A higher percentage of traders from Pakistan felt that they were less aware of India-Pakistan trade policies compared to India

Market Access

 A higher percentage of traders from India were bullish about Market Access vis-à-vis Pakistan

Meeting Standards

 Complying to product standards was not a barrier for traders from both the countries.

Efficiency of Custom Officials

Efficiency of Customs at Land Border - both traders from India and Pakistan reported to be bad while the Sea Port was reported to be the Good.

Infrastructure at Ports

Traders from Pakistan reported that the infrastructure at Rail and Road was bad while traders from India reported that the infrastructure at Rail was bad.

Sub-Indicators – India

- 39
- A majority of Exporters and Importers felt that Political Events hamper trade. A point to be kept in mind is that the survey was conducted during and after the recent firing at LOC.
- Both Exporters and Importers feel that the volume of trade with Pakistan will grow.
- Both Exporters and Importers felt that Visas are hard to obtain but a large proportion are optimistic that it would become easier next year.
- Compared to Road and Sea a significant proportion of both Exporters and Importers felt the Road Access to the Railways was bad. While the Congestion at the Road LCS was perceived to be bad by a larger proportion of traders.

Awareness of Trade Policy -India

Current Scenario Perception of Expected Change Next Year

13%

0% 0%

1

1%

2

Awareness of Trade Policy -Pakistan





Sub Indicator – India & Pakistan

Awareness



India Pakistan

Market Access - India

Current Scenario Perception of Expected Change Next Year

Market Access - Pakistan

Current Scenario Perception of Expected Change Next Year



Sub Indicators – India

Indo-Pakistan Political Events Hamper Trade -Exporters

- Current Scenario
- Perception of Expected Change Next Year



- Current Scenario
- Perception of Expected Change Next Year



Number of Commodities Traded - Exporters

- Current Scenario
- Perception of Expected Change Next Year





Sub Indicators – India (Contd.)

Indo Pakistan Political Event Hamper Trade – Importers

Current Scenario

Perception of Expected Change Next Year





89% 55% 19% 2% 0% 4% 4% 6% 2% 0% 2% 0% 2% 0% 5% 6% 2% 0% 2% 0% 2% 0% 10% 2% 0% 10% 2% 0% 10% 2% 0% 10% 2% 0% 10% 10% 2% 0% 10% 10% 2% 0% 10%10%

Number of Commodities Traded – Importers

- Current Scenario
- Perception of Expected Change Next Year



Business Facilitation – India

Current Scenario Perception of Expected Change Next Year

Business Facilitation -Pakistan





Sub Indicators – India (Contd.)

Ease of Obtaining Visas -Exporters

Current Scenario

Perception of Expected Change Next Year

Ease of Communication with Traders in Pakistan -Exporters

Current Scenario

Perception of Expected Change Next Year





Sub Indicators – India (Contd.)

Ease of Obtaining Visa – Importers

- Current Scenario
- Perception of Expected Change Next Year

Ease of Communication with traders on the other side - Importers

Current Scenario

Perception of Expected Change Next Year





Meeting Standards - India

Current Scenario Perception of Expected Change Next Year

Meeting Standards -Pakistan

Current Scenario Perception of Expected Change Next Year



Sub Indicators – India (Contd.)

Perception of Meeting Agricultural Products -Meeting Standards (India)

Exporters (percentage of respindents)Importers (percentage of respindents)



Perception of Meeting Manufactured Products -Meeting Standards (India)



Efficiency of Customs -Current Scenario - India

■Road ■Rail ■Sea

70% 57% 44% 38% 28% 24% 12% 10% 4% 3% 4% 0% 0% 1% 0% 2 1 3 4 5

Efficiency of Customs -Current Scenario - Pakistan

Road Rail Sea



Efficiency of Customs – Perception of Expected Change Next Year - India

Efficiency of Customs -Perception of Expected Change Next Year - Pakistan







Infrastructure at Ports -Current Scenario - India

Road Rail Sea

50% 49% 48% 39% 26% 24% 22% 20% 6% 4% 4% ^{1%}0%^{1%} 0% 2 1 3 4 5

Infrastructure at Port -Current Scenario - Pakistan





Infrastructure at Ports -Perception of Expected Change Next Year - India

■Road ■Rail ■Sea

Infrastructure at Port -Perception of Expected Change Next Year - Pakistan

■Road ■Rail ■Sea





Sub Indicators – India (Contd.)





Road Access to the Port -Perception of Expected Change Next Year - Exports



Congestion at the Port -Current Scenario - Exports



Congestion at Port -Perception of Change Next Year - Exports



Sub Indicators – India (Contd.)

Road Access to the Port -Current Scenario – Imports



Road Access to the Port -Perception of Expected Change Next Year – Imports



Congestion at the Border -Current Scenario – Imports



Congestion at Border -Perception of Expected Change Next Year – Imports

Road Railways





Expected Increase in Trade -India



Expected Growth of Exports

Expected growth in Imports



Need for Increase in Infrastructure Capacity – India

Percentage by which Rail capacity needs to be increased



Percentage by which Road capacity needs to be increased



Percentage by which Sea Port capacity should be increased



Thank You